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Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A press fabric for the press section of a paper
machine has a base fabric which includes a nonwoven
mesh fabric. The base fabric, or a layer thereof, is
assembled in integral form using a strip or strips of
the nonwoven mesh fabric. The assembly may be
10 effected by spirally winding the nonwoven mesh fabric
in a plurality of non-overlapping turns, by abutting
each turn of the nonwoven mesh fabric against that
previously wound, and by joining each turn of the
nonwoven mesh fabric to that previously wound to form
15 an endless loop. Alternatively, a plurality of
endless loops of equivalent length are formed from
separate strips of nonwoven mesh fabric, and arranged
in a side-by-side abutting relationship. The endless
loops are then joined, one to the next, to provide a
base fabric, or component thereof, in the form of an
endless loop.